1938 February 5 Saturday

Up at 7:30. Warmish damp day, with cold intervals & showers till late evening.

Fair day's business, & I got a good lot of work done besides.

Stayed in shop from 10 to 6.

Made out Library bill, over $50 net.

Chronicle Photographer took a picture of me in main court tomorrow.

George came in to cash a doubtful check. I included the last piece of rubber for $1. He said he wrote a long letter (when he sent the paintings, ? in October?) & told her to keep the lot back for which he paid $50.) No answer from her. I certainly am wondering what has happened.

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Der Rosenkavalier from Metrop, with glorious Lotte Lehmann. A most lovely opera also.

Toscanini conducted NBC symph from 7 to 8:30 while I ate my hamburger & broccoli & toast & prunes. So far these broadcasts have not been high marks.

Got 3 socks & wool for Mary & bought them home for her & pick up tomorrow when she comes to church with Sam.

Feel pretty well, but my fingers know that winter is here — such as it is! — & are cracked in 3 places already.

Hitler has appointed himself sole chief of the German army.

1938 February 6 Sunday

Up at 8:30. Heavenly "spring" day — first without rain for weeks & weeks (I cannot quite that!)

Mozart, Brahms, Bach, Beethoven & a fairly steady till 3 o'clock. Setin with Philharmonic played Emperor Concerto not nearly so well as Schnabel.

Mary & Ina came in on way "home" from P.J. church. I suggested & Mary that she come in tonight instead of tomorrow, so she could hear the 8th symphony under Toscanini here this evening.

Worked all day at home. Skipped lunch so ready for early dinner which many helpers.

England, France & U.S. have told Japan to state frankly by Feb 15 if

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she is to build new 35,000 ton battleships. If so — as it is likely — England France & U.S. will build over 35 000. Too bad, but it's the only way to treat criminals.

Mary arrived just in time for a little "Charley McCarthy" & the Ford Hour — during which she washed her hair & bathed.

We had a pleasant dinner & then listened to the 9th Symph. broadcast (under Toscanini) from Nyc.

We spent the rest of the evening by the hearth & got to bed at a fairly reasonable hour.

1938 February 7 Monday

Mary went down to paint at Carmelo, but it was rather a dreary place to work in this weather. I worked at shop all day.

In the evening we went to see Lost Horizon. Very disappointing. My car went bad, so I left it at Paul's & Mary & I walked up to Al's to leave the key, & then walked home.

A festive evening it might have been, but it wasn't.

Mrs Arnold came in to ask if I'd take Jimmie back as clerk if she had help her salary. I would.

1938 February 8 Tuesday

Up early & to shop for the day.

Many painted at Carmelo.

Cats & Stops sprayed the sleeping porch, the sun porch & the back porch + an ivory white.

It began to rain again in the afternoon, so the exterior must wait once more.

The Auburn has the same brake as before — the spider gears. Damn.

Terry Ogden to hospital. Jack says he's split with his "aunt". That means his end I guess.

Shakespeare reading, but too few to do any, so we talked & dispersed.

Grand festivities.

1938 February 9 Wednesday

Mary to Camels; I to shop, but left soon to get my car which they had actually repaired quickly.

Down to Camels to see how Mary was getting along. & there was a big pine tree fallen across Mrs Warner's house.

Very stormy wind all morning. Many trees down. Plenty rain in afternoon.

Mary decided to ~~get back to Fair before~~ just that Fair in Fifth garage any more storm, but she stuck in the turn from Mill Rim into Forest Road. It took half an hour to get her out, & took an hour to clean up after the job. I changed from hard to soft & battled. Then Mary decided to go back to Pebbles & Jim. She had enough weather for awhile.

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I finished the day at the shop, & home for dinner & music & Town Hall, then at 8:30 to Tennis. Tan-o-loose it should be. So much time for so little gained.

1938 February 10 Thursday

Big storm all day. Sewer cont nearly overflowed into back room of shop 1, so I bailed it out in the afternoon & got working wet as it was pouring rain while I worked. Then I bailed it out over noon at 6, & went down again at 9:30 to empty the place again. It was so wet & messy that I walked down & back & left the car up in the garage.

At 5 o'clock, while praying for O.O, it rained tacks, then hailed, & then thunder & lightning & sand! I had to take a change complete. Ate a meatless dinner of salad &

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negs & then listened to Standard Hour: L.A. Philharmonic under Klemperer. Wagner, Granados, Debussy & Beethoven's 8th whole. Good for Klemp!

I tried to read after I got home, but the day was too strenuous & I went to bed & to sleep.

I sent Arthur $10 & L a valentine, on which I wrote

"To dearest E
from merest B"

The waters make a regular gully down the east side of Fast Road (which is better than running in my ditch!) and it looked like a small brook in flood

"And the streams roaring with the rain!"

1938 February 11 Friday

Up at 7:30, on a dreary wet morning, after a night of rain. Ate a good breakfast. Many thanks from Robles at 9 to say that Jim were well, & supplied with wood & food.

It rained most of the morning, sometimes heavily.

I drove down to the bridge & took a look at the river, running full & spreading over the auto camp on this side & the artichoke fields on the other — as far as the old Oliver place. Never have I seen such a sweep of water in this vicinity.

Found leak in Yates shop, & a leak in Vernier closet that spoiled 3 dresses. Former leak worse than before.

Feb 11 & 12

And 3 new leaks in S#2. But the leaks in attic & shattering not so bad as usual!

I got some hydrosol & did could be done to stop various leaks.

Alas, alas, 2 leaks in Canada in spite of complete new roof. This is rather tragic.

Practically no business in shop, of course, tho' I stayed till 6:45. Sent an order & typing & paid some bills.

Boiled out the dirt cans in Lewis court. Ate dinner at Blue Bird & went to meet of Business Men Assoc. to discuss F. T.

1938 February 12 Saturday

Lincoln's Birthday. This year, for the first in some time, I had no Lincoln window. I used the show window of #8 for valentines, & sold several dollars worth. Lincoln displays seldom sold anything & took hours to fix. It's a grateful people we are!

Intermittent rains. Warm enough to work with doors open. Sunshine & blue skies now & then.

Up at 7:30, feeling fairly well.

Ky. Blind children concert at 8 for breakfast

Washed clothes & dishes & made 2 small (& delicious) apple pies.

Otello at 11, & allenated from 1:40 on bet. that & Don Giovanni from London.

Feb 12 p. 2

#6 lock out of order.
#9 sink doesn't drain.

Oh a landlord's life is a many many life.

To Campbells to see about Gene's note, & had dinner there.

N.B.C. Symph broadcast (under Toscanini. Sorrell's apparatus seemed less fed rate than usual. It was not a very good program however.

Snow on mountains of the valley — a lovely sight. And the bay was perfectly clear.

"Macbeth's" has moved around to the Arcade Bldg. so now we have a circulating library on each side of our book shop!

1938 February 13 Sunday

Up at 7:30. Warm damp morning. Showers at intervals till 4:30, then (as I went to village in raiment instead of raiment!) it suddenly began to pour down in torrents. The gutters were 4-5 feet wide, full to the curbs.

D'd gone to see Terry Ogden at tavern here, at his phoned request. He has left his 70-year old "aunt" & is on his own. He thought he might give up Studio #4. Ok by me. He said he'd pay the rent as soon as possible. He'd better. D've had my last charity for loans & drinks & rents.

I emptied the dresser card cans & made a rearrangement of things the

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better to save the flow of thot #1
It rained long tonight. It did,
a hard.

Also the corner leak in the attic
bloomed again. The sun was bringful.

Had a good breakfast & good lunch but
not much of a dinner.

Radio City Symph; Gotham String Q;
Rudy Serkin; My Ohel (under Babitch)
played Tschaikowsky 4th; Mozart's Jupiter
from KDKA (records); Cath Brahms Q; Sunday
Eve Hour (all Wagner, but Melchior doesn't
thrill me).

Washed dishes & clothes & read & enjoyed
the storm. This is the 17th day, I think.
Never so long a series!

1938 Feb 14 Monday

Meeting of Carmel Players at Filmarte, with entertainment. Amusing skit - put by 2 Carmel "Russians."

Herald tonight says north central span of Big Creek bridge (unfinished) was torn away by the storm, with loss to contractor of $800!

1938 February 15 Tuesday

Finally we get some fine weather.
Many a car stopped in a way
from Pebles, mit Luki, ~~etc~~.

J.C. reading at La Riba. We finished
the first reading, 2 weeks late.

1938 February 16 Wednesday

Worked hard all day.

Mrs Yates paid her rent, but always one month behind. She still owes Feb.

Fraser & Hains & Ogden raked against Heenan for their work against them in recent "milk customers case".

To Tennis in at Carmel Theatre. Jessie Matthews in Gaywyn. Why aren't English Music Hall women interesting?

1938 February 17 Thursday

Mary came in late in the morning & after lunch she went to Cassels & Grant & I to the shop.

No business at all.

Rain again!

Home at 5:30 and Mary ~~[illegible]~~ cooked a fine dinner of oyster stew etc. Jack Williams's excellent beef stew also. White Port best I've tasted.

We listened to S.F. Orch under Kostelanetz by the oak fire.

Mary washed her hair & bathed & caught the last of the music, & then we stayed up another hour & so.

To Fentons in afternoon to see Mack re Catlett note in bankruptcy.

Ogden paid his rent!

1938 February 18 Friday

Rain at intervals all day & evening
Road & house very hard to come up.

Excellent meals with Lucy. Mashed & pureed mashed potatoes for dessert, with fresh avocado & white port.

After dinner we checked up on camels insp. costs & found we had gone in for $1000+, so tomorrow. Will tell all agents price is 7300 instead of 6,700 - which only added 400 to depression price.

Most of day at shop. A nice scattering of sales. Left first cash in 3 days.

Hitler seems to have won easily in Austria, with England & France declining to help Schuschnigg.

At the Library found that Mrs. Rendell had got a $150 set of Mythology books direct from Marshall Jones instead of thru our shop!

1938 February 19 Saturday

Unsettled morning turning to sunshine.
Up at 7 & had a good breakfast +
Cin. Cons. in Beethoven 5th.
Worked till 10:40 & then listened to
Toscanini from rest with Flagstad (also
Melchior)
Mary to point at Carmelo & to and
the music. She returned at 11:30 &
then back to Rubles.
Shop all afternoon till 6.
Got my clothes from cleaners,
bought some white paint for Mary,
mailed Beaudettes bills & home &
cook & eat.
N.B.C. Symph under Toscanini

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To Carnegie Music Inc. 2nd concert of season: Shan-Kar & his dance troupe. Very interesting, colorful. Lovely harmonies in costumes, which were much better to look at in motion than pictures of Indian costumes hinted at.

George says I write on his valentine "Surprise you soon." Coming out? married?

Check from Griffen on Lc shop.

1938 February 20 Sunday

A fine day, warm & sunny except for a short time in late afternoon.

My cold & had a good breakfast & worked all day cleaning books & clothes, except while best music was on, when I read papers & catalogs.

An official in Germany gave a resumé of Hitler's speech (delivered at 4 a.m. our time). It was in excellent English but very haughty. Well, the Führer certainly has started something!

Later: Eden resigned from Chamberlain's cabinet as Foreign Sec. The Tories are still the most powerful.

N.Y. Phil under Barbirolli (it now) was least interesting of the season, except for the D major cello concerto of Haydn. I see by the paper that Emanuel Feuermann wrote it — but

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It sounds like Hayden to me — a very good Hayden. And it was very well played by Joseph Schuster & the orchestra.

A fine recording of Beethoven's first concerto in C flat (#5) by Schnabel on KHUB. Can you come out to Watsonville?

Had a good first week — a busy warmed-over dinner.

Didn't go to town at all. And why should I?

Tennel reported back in hands of rebels!

Jose took Canton tries this Monday (= tomorrow) morning.

1938 February 21 Monday

1938 February 27 Sunday

up at 7:20 on a fine warm day (but more rain in the air).

Listened to events, read papers, washed dishes & clothes, hummed willisk & generally kept busy.

Barbirolli led N.Y. Phil in all-Strauss (Richard) program, with Madame Pauly singing last scene of Salome.

Edgar Bergen & Charlie McCarthy very good indeed today.

Flagstad sang on Ford Hour, but the program was not fine.

1938 February 28 Monday

Storm with lots of rain, set at night. Lots of water on floor of #1.

Mary came in about 10:30 & we worked on inventory most of day.

Griffen paid 1400 on shop.

Mary & I ate lunch at Blue Bird & omitted dinner.

To rehearsal of J.C. (Steamboat) but no rehearsal. We drove chick machine home in heavy rain & then home ourselves after seeing that 79 locks were safe.

1938 March 1 Tuesday

Up at 7 & breakfast with Mary.

Worked on inventory most of day, me calling prices & Mary running the add. machine.

Frazer & Vanderlip paid rent.

I paid Word interest & 1200 on Camels. Only about 1250 left ~~to pay~~ of the original $6000.

Mary cleaned d.r. & kitchen while I went Monterey & got typer repaired. I got despair cod on the wharf which we had for supper.

Fast reading J.C.

Storm again tonight, with high wind (very strong) & plenty rain.

We stayed by the hearth till nearly midnight.

1938 March 2 Wednesday

Fine day, but the ground very wet and the "river" in the east part of Forest Road is running full.

Up at 7:30. Mary made delicious corn meal muffins for breakfast.

We went down to Camelo & found the new roof still had a bad leak.

Saw Berkey re $1000 loan for Inn & build (this time) in Rolles del Rio. La donna è mobile & so is many.

Herman paid rent; but Sabens, Hains & Ogden not yet.

Worst storm recorded history in L.A. Milstein who was to play here tonight, marooned in L.A. & concert cancelled.

Worked in shop till 6; then home. Mary left at 2.

Short heavy rain in evening.

1938 March 6 Sunday

Up at 7:30 on a warm morning with rain in the air — & sure it came. Plenty drops after lunch. I was going to the shop to work on inventory but why change clothes, get out the car, go down in the wet & get very little done? So I didn't, but instead got a lot of work done at home.

Also I heard some music, chiefly the Choral under Barbirolli. Schubert Symph #2, which is sweet.

And Orson Welles read 23rd & 134th Psalms & the best chaps of Song of Solomon very beautifully & with deep feeling.

Mary came in at 5, & we heard Elyn Berger & Charley MacCarthy who "is" very funny & cute. Fad concert, & while fixing dinner I told Mary

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of the sale of the book business. She was amazed & incredulous & delighted. We opened the benedictine for dessert to celebrate.

A grand evening by the fire.

1938 March 7 Monday

up early & worked with Lucy all day moving things from #9 to S#1, & cleaning & inventorying books.

Rain & snow - plenty of each.

Postcard by Sadie et al on election candidates.

after a good early dinner Lucy & I to Fluvanna for rehearsal of Julius Caesar. Found them doing Maurice Baring's "The Rehearsal" & read Berbage. Then we did J of S, I reading Petruchio at Chris's request. I read it warmly & strongly & it went over well. I'd never read it aloud before & didn't realize till now how well it acted.

1938 March 8 Tuesday

Up early on a queer day of ~~fog~~ ~~fog~~ attending with complete clearance.

We worked on inventory, moving & clearing books all day.

Many auto Ribbes to take food to Jim & return trimmings.

First reading of Comedy of Errors (at the Ribbes). We got through the whole play, but only 10 present (3 of whom not reading) so I had to read Dromio of Syracuse too & wasn't keen on it.

Letter from Arthur thanking me for check. Flood doesn't affect them, he says.

1938 March 9 Wednesday

Up early on a fine day & feel well. Many customers in early & busy at 9:30 & worked till 5 with little break taking a stock cut inventory to settle a firm of business to Mr Griffin. Then away back to Rollers.

Phoned to several on coming home to get a party to visit on Gordon Campbell to claim his candidacy. Only Bechdolt, 2 Shands & McGadoe met me at Campbells.

Did had to bolt my dinner in 10 minutes to make it at 7. Gordy finally agreed, & Bech also, but only on condition I ran also. I held out till midnight, & then

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the dreamful Beck was willing to work (his G.F. has to cook & wash on his washed wife & earn their living) + Judy's clear youthful interest looked me for a stroke."

Mrs Miller had been in to see me the afternoon & was seemingly willing to run & I planned to work for her - but the proof was against her & I was no use. Clouds of suspicion hovered around Tom and I knew said he had learned he definitely would run.

1938 March 10 Thursday

After a wakeful & restless night (damn the city!) I got up at 8, had a good breakfast, shaved & went to the shop.

Sam Frank Townsend came in & asked some questions about the Masonic system. I knew by his tone that something was wrong, & told him I wanted to talk with him at 2:30.

Then I checked with Shands & Watson & found Frank had not sent the wanted men, but only agreed, at Watson's request, to hold off till tonight to meet.

I got the group together at the shop & explained to Frank the circumstances. He was courteous but not very tractable. Tom had at last to work out so, but no one is really to blame.

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Home at 5:30 and felt better after a hot cold shower. The pain in my leg better & none left in my arm, which was bad from the effects of handling several thousand books.

I also explained to Mrs. Miller. Shand had already told her but I took no chances of being misunderstood.

Ate a good dinner & listened to La Dysput under Klemperer.

Arnold says Bruce not running, but Frank said he heard he was.

1938 March 11 Friday

Up at 7:15 Stormy day with hard rain & high & stiff wind. (also low)

Cynthol has excellent article on front page with headlines re candidacy of Barksdale, Campbell & Hearn for Council.

P. Corr a still nicer article, in which (ah, vanity, vanity!) it said Hearn was generally conceded to have been Council's most popular mayor.

Herald had a routine notice on front page + editorial comment quite favorable.

Shand got the three papers filled in by the same 10 persons & 8

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signed mine before Berkey as notary.

Thomas came in & asked where I stood on the new deal. I told him. He said he'd like to vote for me but not with the set-up. He thought national politics was being injected into council elections! He was quite upset & more belligerent than he ever was on the Council.

Later he apologized & said he'd expressed himself too strongly. I told him I had too much affection for him to care what he said or how he voted.

I worked very hard all day & came home for a hot supper

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at 7 & then to Bureau meeting at Pine Room, where Segal opposed appropriations for F.T. R Cordova spoke emphatically in favor of Theater & so did Townsend & I added a few remarks.

A sweet warm wet evening. I walked down to the meeting & after worked till 11 in the shop & then walked home.

Jack Wilkinson & Sandwich $25 check! Many dukes appear at all at all.

Griffin came in to see if I was ready to turn over the shop to her but I said I needed a day or so more. O.K.

Hitler takes Austria. (And England? She just lets him.)

1938 March 12 Saturday

Up at 6:45 on a rainy morn, after a wild & windy night of rain.

To shop after an early breakfast & worked on inventory & moving out till 11, when I stopped to hear (in #5) the first 2 acts of Lucia from N.Y.

Ate lunch at home & washed clothes while the last 2 scenes were sung. (Pons & Jagel & Pinza).

Worked hard all afternoon, till 6:45, at shop, then home for Hot Supper under Chavez.

Told Lucie of sale of both business.

Customers expressed their pleasure at my running for council, but Jordan came out flat in stating that their crowd were going to put Rountree in

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& defeat Beckdolt. Must seem to like the idea of Gordon Campbell, but certainly will have to work hard for Beck.

Hitler is now supreme in Austria while England bites her thumb.

Letter from Bill saying he can handle all our insurance & save us about 25%.

No sign of a word from Mary. Probably she'll come in tomorrow, oblivious of the fact that she was to come Friday at 9 a.m.

Rain & wind tonight after a wet day.

Have had mail, 11 days late. Ogden & Yates not yet.

1938 March 13 Sunday

Hard rain - several times - in morning, stopping just in time for Irving to drive in for Bibles to help with income tax report.

We got through at 2 o'c stopped at 5 to listen to Edgar Bergen after supper we worked till 11 o'c then to bed. Mary was so tired we omitted the celebration due.

1938 March 14 Monday

Worked hard all day clearing out bales of stationery & rawbolts & wrappers & effects, & cleaning shop & arranging desk & seat. Mary & Annie worked nobly with me, & everything was in fine shape when we quit at 6. I cleaned the toilet last of all. A dirty job - but not half so dirty as Hitler.

Mary & I "dined" at home & then to Filmarte for meeting & entertainment of Camel Players. "The Boor" was remarkably good.

1928 March 15 Tuesday

Met Edith Griffin at shop at 10 & turned the business over to her. And this that. Twenty years a-going!

Mary & I finished up the income tax report & mailed it, after which Mary — very tired & eye-weary — returned to Robles.

We did no celebrating, tho the disposal of the shop was a grand occasion for it. Will make up for it next week.

Reading of Comedy of Errors in evening.

1938 March 16 Wednesday

Mary's birthday - but she's at Robles resting from her heavy work on inventory. Shop closing 1 minute too late.

I spent the day with Miss Jeffris explaining the business.

Evening to ten-o-min. Mickey Rooney & Jean Stone in "You're Only Young Once." Amusing

1938 March 17 Thursday

St Patrick to the front.

Worked most of day with Miss Griffin in shop, showing her the routine & getting off some orders.

Rain — rain.

Boston Assoc. benefit for F.T. I went down after Standard Symphonette & stayed till 12, playing Bingo with no winnings.

1938 March 18 Friday

Shop most of day looking in the new ones. She doesn't know much about business & is slow work.

Brought home several books from upstairs.

Warmed up the meat & veg for dinner.

Very tired.

Cynthia has front page article on sale of bookshop, with an unasked-for remark or ordainment by Sally. Also a damning editorial on Rowntree by Bassett.

P Cone absurdly non-committal on council candidates. Shan't vote

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good notary seal of shop.

Sealed bill notice of transfer.

1938 March 19 Saturday

Rain in morning & slight rain tonight.

Worked at home till after lunch, except for early trip to shop.

Hand most of Cannon not well done.

But in the evening Carlos Chavez conducted the N.B.C. Symphony Orch in Sibelius' 4th. Very fine indeed. Surpassing Toscanini's broadcasts, or else the mechanical side was superior.

Didn't go to hear Bowles Telfer read "I'd Rather Be Right" at Lewisohn Hall, as I was very tired.

Jeanne came from Houghton

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I learned of sale of sheep. He gave me [illegible] a lot of advice before I arrived. Too bad. This seemed [illegible] as it is.

Received Liberty bill.

Tried to get rent from Ogden but he said he had nothing. His day is not long.

Mary phoned she'd be in Monday - with Jan.

1938 March 20 Sunday

Up at 7, except for reading the papers & worked hard all day.

Examiner & Chronicle both have full accounts of S.F. golf tournament, in which Bill reached the semi-finals & was defeated yesterday 3 & 2.

Europe is quieting a little — but at the expense of right & decency. Lithuania gives in to Poland; England wins and Czechoslovakia, so the latter gives offices to Nazis; Spain, staggering under the destruction of Barcelona & the fresh help to the rebels from Hitler & Mussolini, may have begun overtures for an armistice. And Austria is dead.

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To shop twice for loads from S# 2
Did some office work; & washed dishes
& cleaned kitchen while listening to radio.

Radio City Orchestra gave a fine perf
of Till Eulenspiegel. Roy Shildmeier
Barbirolli, with Robert Casadesus, played
Mozarts Piano Concerto in A major,
& the orchestra closed Ravel's Mother
Goose Suite. And the Q
played Mozart's

I feel somewhat rested; after being
extremely tired the last few days.

And still more rain in the evening!

1938 March 21 Monday

Rain last night & early this morn. up & 7:30. Washed clothes, helped Giffie in shop, straightened out a little mess of election troubles.

Pres Coe wanted my stand on the merit system. I finally got it simplified for their benefit.

Yates paid rent, & Schuyler paid their bill.

Mary in with Sam. She said she'd come in to stay next week.

Philharmonic Symph under Ormandy, with Barrere Britt-Salgado played Vivaldi's Concerto for flute & harp with orchestra.

Felt sick for awhile this afternoon.

1938 March 22 Tuesday

Felt rather queer all day, with icy feet & hands.

Did some office work at home & kept shop for 2 hours for Griffin. She took in $10, which is good for this time of year.

Meeting of Bechdolt, Campbell (Yadon) & I at Carmel Press to discuss statements for Pine Cone.

While at home (first time on Tues. afternoon for a long time!) I heard by luck the Am. School of the air music broadcast. Lovely old opera airs, including 3 from Don Giovanni.

Felt worse toward night & cut the Shakespeare reading.

1938 March 23 Wednesday

Better night than last, but still not fit.
Spent morning at home, working.
Mary came in & went with Lou.
She went to P.O. for windows, & also
took typewriters to Monterey for fixing.
Wheeler in shop adding discouragement to Giffin.
Ordered wiring from Bellerbach
for Robles cottage.
Wrote 2 statements for P Cone &
gave them the shorter, keeping the
other for letter to Cyrstal.
Also made statement for Herald
& Wm took 2 photos of me.
Mary brought me a chicken pie.
Big storm coming. Rain already here.
What, more? Yes.

1938 March 24 Thursday

Spent considerable time in shop helping Mrs Griffin.

Paid some bills.

Washed clothes.

Got home at 6:25, just too late to hear Mozarts clarinet concerto. Very much damn!

Warmed up the meat pie for dinner.

Feel lots better, but left elbow again pains me.

Dorothy Thompson made a stirring talk for American leadership against fascism in Town Meeting of the air.

Standard Hour not much.

Chamberlain says England will not help Czechoslovakia. (Shell only fight if her Tory gunmen are imperilled.)

1938 March 25 Friday

Fine weather, but I got up feeling tired, after a restless night.

While getting breakfast I had a sudden pain – very bad – in left side of my chest. It left me soon, but given all day.

7 rolls roofing came via Jellatack truck, & Mary drove in from Robles to get them. I loaded them onto the station wagon with some difficulty as they are heavy & I must don't feel fit.

Mary said she & Lu would be in Monday to shop. They are going to church Sunday but she said they wouldn't stop. I said she'd better, in case anything came up.

She said she'd be in Wed & Thu to resume work on Camelo. I don't

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blame her for wanting to stay with the old carpenter & Ribles, as he'd made mistakes a dandle & left to himself - but I can't understand why she started the new building while Carmelo was unfinished. It costs us $40 a month all the time to vacant or unsold. And she has had a comfortable guest place to live in - that they chose themselves. And building before the rains stop is silly anyhow.

But they can't be happy unless they're leaving some place and going to another.

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The Pine Cone out today, contains statements by Burkhalter, Campbell & me.

The Cymbal has an editorial by Barnett on Jordan that is richly deserved — but will do our side more harm than good by arousing bitterness & resentment.

Dinner at Blue Bird & then to Tofoya & Filmarte. Got tickets at the door. Good show, but some of it (not. Lee Came in tall (still) overacted.

Bed at 11:30, feeling as if I were going to be sick.

The situation in Spain is getting blacker & blacker.

Damn Hitler. Damn Mussolini.

1938 March 26 Saturday

Up at 7:30. Very fine weather, even tho' occasional stung wind blowing.

Stock market bang - bang - bang.

Miss Griffin nervous & worried.

Town full of young visitors but low business.

330 lb box of remainders arrived. & had it brought to the house.

A speaker on the radio said Mussolini should not be hated, as he was bringing anarchic renaissance to the world!!!

Felt miserable 2/3 of the day & then much better toward evening.

Article in Herald quotes me copiously on city government.

Washed dishes, cooked dinner, listened to Howard Hanson conduct NBC. Symph.

1938 March 27 Sunday

Fan fan well.
Fine weather.
Worked at home all day. on books, clothes & accounts.
Mary & Jan stopped on way back from church. He said she & Jan would be in on Tuesday. I asked when she was coming in to stay. She answered "next week."
"You mean you've put it off another week." That's what she meant.
I asked if I'd better get someone else to paint Camels. She said yes. She spoke of what sizing & colors were needed. I suggested she ~~[illegible]~~ tell the painter. She would. And also see that he does it. Would she

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need to stay there? of course.

I wonder if she's forgotten that she gratuitously offered to do the whole camels job herself.

Ann in the conversation she suggested my painting every afternoon.

Something has happened. I wonder what. Maybe it just that she's lost in Robles building.

Photographing soloist with Mr. Phil. also heard Radio Symph. Ford Hour, St Louis Symph — & Charlie McCarthy.

To see The Hurricane in evening & was impressed by the stupendousness of wind & wave. Such a disturbance!

1938 March 28 Monday

I was awake a long time last night, wondering what had got into Mary and considering another slow-down. Finally I got over slept, but a restless miserable kind.

Woke early on a rainy morning and got up - had a good breakfast.

Felt well all day!

Strong wind blew most of the day & it was chill but fine.

Mary phoned at noon that she was coming in at 1:30. She came while I was eating lunch - with Tom, so they could get the loan for the new house building.

We went to Okeechobee & got a financial statement which are

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filled out a book w Bertsey who made the loan in five minutes. $1000, 5 years, 5 percent F.H.A. Interest taken out now, leaves him 801+ dollars. She must pay 16+ a month for 5 yrs. to pay off principal. Pretty soft for the banks! They get their interest in advance & the principal guaranteed by the U.S.!

Mary seemed cheerful, just as if nothing had changed, but she left a note w the Griffin sign, beginning "Dear Bert". For 14 years I have been Dear a Dearest, never Bert.

Worked with Griffin in afternoon & home at 6.

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Phila Symph under Ormandy, with Schmidt as (piano) soloist.

Fish & spinach for dinner — then to reading of Typhoon at Filmarte only 4 of us present.

Puppet republic in China declared, but Chiang Kai-shek has been winning good victories lately.

Spain is lost, unless France goes to her aid — & Mussolini says this will mean war. Well, why not? And England — bah!

1938 March 29 Tuesday

Belvail (that is, his son) got the lights in for the outdoor cabinets.

Wrote a long letter to Bill, telling him of sale of book business.

Fine warm day, but a little windy in afternoon.

Handed home loads of my books.

Ate dinner at Normandy & then to La Paloma for Shakespeare reading. Last of Comedy of Errors. We decided on Hamlet for next month.

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Fine weather.

Helped Mrs Griffin in office work.

Fixed shelves in outdoor cabinets & tried out new lights. Brilliant display.

~~Plain Sweetcorn~~ & La Tempete for Standard Hour.

No business at all & Griffin very discouraged.

1938 April 1 Friday

up at 7. Feel well. Gorgeous perfect day.

Griffin downcast because no business at all.

Cymbal took another gauge at for Jordan in his Prentice campaign.

P Cone still noncommittal, but shows leaning toward our opponents. Vile cuts of Beck on front page

Front theater may yet be fixed up for this summer, with good W.P.A. help.

Spent some time in shop, and some cleaning up at home.

Interviewed entertainingly by Linda Sargent, sitting out under trees by orchard.

S.F. Sunset Lindsay 1/2 hr of Shakespeare program, nice. Brian Aherne missing up Coriolanus. Wind overtone

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exquisitely played by Mantens & orchestra.
Schatzes birthday. I gave no present.
Frosa & Hermans paid rent.

Drove out to Robles at 5 to see Lois new house & take more roofing. also a lemon pie & maid. House is very nice, as many has fine taste. But the high hills shut off late & early sun.

Many now says she'll be in Tues. or Wed. Each time she puts off a little longer her resumption of work and —

Stopped at Sudenets coming back & they took me to hear Lily Pons etc in "Hitting a New High". Amusing, but who cares? Omitted dinner.

1938 April 2 Saturday

Up at 7:30. Fine weather.
Circumstis Communion for breakfast.
Shop part of day & small jobs at home.
Feel fairly well.
Sales tax blank came at last & I got
my number from it & so am saved
some trouble.
Paid int. & 1/5 principal on 7 a/c Oldy
note, now beautifully under 16.000.
Meat pie, & first asparagus for me
this season.
Business picked up a little for
Miss Griffin. Stat market ditto.
Gene is a pest.
Kitty bank is better, but wants to
lie on Mary's bed.
Pon Clancy put his arm around

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John Jaden's shoulder as they walked up the street talking politics!

Rodzinski & NBC. again 7 & 8:30, but not so good.

Bought a 95 cent pair of bedded slippers, also a beef roast for next week.

Sent E "Old Monterey" for her birthday. Wrote on fly leaf "To Esther with love from Bert. April 6 1938.

Concrete man mended hole around lower with colored cement — on front corner of 7a Bldg!!!

Vanderlip & Lubens paid rent. Yates, Hains, Odgen not yet (Apt 2 Bookshop not due till 16th)

1938 April 3 Sunday

Up at 7:30. Lovely day.
Worked at desk & also washed dishes & clothes.
Listened to concerts while working at 3. & drove out to Rollins with the Lemond oil Mary wanted, also some food. Particularly ate custard pudding I made yesterday. Very very good.
Mary was exceeding pleasant.
Paid her $50 interest.
Back in time for Charlie McCarthy, & for Ford hour, a good hour & then to see Sonja Henie in Happy Landing. Such a skater she is, & quite charming, but I think she's getting fat.

1938 April 4 Monday

up at 7:30. Pleasant day, turning cloudy in late afternoon.

Kitty Wilkinson phoned at 9 & asked if Anna Hansen could see Studio #1 at 10. So I dusted my work here & went down. She liked it & so K.W. may take it — at $45 a month.

Odd jobs all day.

Home at 6 for Philadelphia Orch. under Ormandy. Jos Hoffman soloist. Beethoven's 4th Brandenburg concerto splendidly played.

Finished cooking the beef roast & had a good dinner.

Rain & wind all evening

K. Hawk is a sick cat. I fixed him a good sheltered bed & fed him asparagus & raw hamburger.

1938 May 15 Sunday

Up at 7:30 Cool & low fog.

Worked at home all day.

Wrote a good letter to C., nice. Some light verses. While writing this I forgot Charlie McCarthy.

Howard Barlow Columbia Symph Orch played Brahms' Variations on a Theme by Haydn & Sibelius 7th. Saw or heard much else today.

Ate a late dinner & read till 11:30

1938 May 16 Monday

Up at 7:30 on a cool wet morn. Tom came at 8, George Wagner at 9 & Lindsey soon after. We lost the day at Carmelo.

I drove to Monterey & paid 2nd (& last) $25 on Tom's fine, & left some of the sharpened, & bought a new mark for whom was the spray gun were rented.

Meeting of Finance Com. at City Hall. Situation better than I thought. If we're careful we needn't go in the red before taxes come in next November. The Park Com. has $3500 unspent — & yet does nothing for the F.T.!

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Jamie's birthday (50). Mrs Arnold served a fine dinner for the 4 of us. Delicious chicken, with mashed potatoes & gravy & zucchini & a good tomato salad; angel cake & strawberry whip.

Stella got letter from E & J. E mentioned my not writing since they left S.F.

Felt rather miserable in afternoon. Sore throat. Damn damn damn.

Miss Kellogg gave me some gorgeous roses, & so did Mrs. Niles.

I gave Jamie an Italian pot & a violet plant.

1938 May 17 Tuesday

Foggy morning. Up at 7:15

Washed clothes; looked after Tom & Lynge working at Camelo; made a traffic survey of the business district with Backdoff.

Lynge, determined to get an outside expert survey, almost got Beal swaddled, but young Anderson's ordinance saved the day.

Said & I went halves on a paint spraying machine, used, at $37.50, so will do all Camelo instead of paying $122 + 10 & doing only the trim.

Mary was to come in, but phoned at 5 she was too tired & would be

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in tomorrow — maybe.

Skipped lunch & ate dinner at Normandy.

Fortune had apt. rent which I deposited with the 35 Griffin had yesterday, giving me a balance of $90 in personal a/c; but 79 a/c is overdrawn $35, & I owe a number of bills.

Final reading of Hamlet at La Pâtisserie. 10 present. I read 1st gravedigger, leaving Hamlet & Furber who read it very well.

That still troubles me.

Bill Hamed at 11 bid he down Sat evening with his girl

1938 May 18 Wednesday

Cool foggy morn. Up early.

Mary came in about 9:30, & worked at Carmelo till 5:30. Also Wayne & Lidmark.

I went to Monterey for the saws, & got some fresh salmon for dinner & bought a plane (not airplane!) & oiled a tarpaulin.

Meeting of council members at 4 to discuss audit & tonights traffic ordinance.

Many eats & good dinner, & then height-ho for the council meet. From 7:45 to 12:10! Mostly on traffic, esp. elimination of center parking. Craig, Legal, LaFranz &

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Mrs. Mackaway, Hollis Tompson, Mrs. Dilyard & Goddard led the opposition. Flanders, Mrs. Shand, Bassett, Camilla Daniels & others were with us; & the town certainly is. Thelma Killen sent in a fine letter. Others sent a wired on both sides.

We gave the master traffic ordinance (a 20 pager) its first reading, & then ditto for the ordinance eliminating center parking. Unanimous, 5 & 0.

I spoke after the meeting, roundly to the audience. I was much complimented on my work, & I praised Bethel, the Capitol, & Stanton's sidewalk — so everyone was happy.

Herald editorial against us, very commercial.

Home to bed for celebration.

1938 May 19 Thursday

Up at 7:40, after a fair night's sleep, except that I dreamed I was wrestling with a heavy professional.

Ate a good breakfast & feel better than for some weeks.

Mary went early to the Court & planted some small things; then to Camelot to paint.

Seidenreich, Wagner & Marvin also at work there.

I took it rather easy, as I had a long hard day yesterday. Did some office work, some city work, checked Camelot, washed & boiled up clothes & did some cooking.

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Ate a late dinner & listened to F. Lynch under Wanda.

Mary & I listened to "Mrs. Tommy" but this was an off day. N.g.

Mary ret to Robles at 5.

Tonight's Herald has a very non-committal article on last night's council meet.

Fog & drizzling & cool in evening.

Englands doing better, in spite of England; but Sweden has fallen.

Barney Legal mad as hell.

1938 May 20 Friday

Long letter from E & shots we took Jessica. E frankly affectionate.

Everyone worked at Camelot. Arranged with Overlander to put in cement shower, & had ADR to put in galv. iron tray. The showy pun, in Sedinet's capable hands, is working wonders with the kitchen etc.

Business Men's Assoc. is to meet again tonight to discuss Dunes Art Festival.

Pine Cone full of it, but more against than in favor. Shades of the village! Apology re the Carter's crude remark in P Cone.

Cymbal strongly praises our

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new carnival, & I got several good hands.

Mary & I had dinner together & spent a long evening by the heat.

Weather cool & foggy except in middle of day.

1938 May 21 Saturday

up at 7:30 & worked hard all day
We cleared house mostly.
Wayne & Marie started up the two
we felled last week, & cut down
the remaining old kind by Watson's.
Rhymed letter from E, + a request
to arrange a piano recital for a
friend of hers.
May cut Robles at 3, & I
continued house clearing.
Bill & his girl arrived on the
ranch at 6+. She repelled me
at first, with her arm in a plaster
cast, but she improves with time
1/2 Spanish-American, 1/2 English. Bill

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very courteous & attentive. They'd spent last night & today with Opal & Fred.

I cooked a good dinner for them, with a roast lamb as the main feature.

Sir Adrian Boult conducted an all-English program for the N.B.C. Sat concert. Elgar's Variations are excellent.

Bill & Celia Harrison went to Dedham at 9:20.

1938 May 22 Sunday

Go out to distant Bill + Adelia, who came in very late. I stayed in bed till 8:30, then got up + cooked breakfast.

The "children" rose at 9:30 + we all had breakfast.

There good happenings at same time! Walking Beam string ♯; Magic Key playing Wagner (Philadelphia Symph.) + broadcast of Wagner from Germany. Then we had Howard Barlow + ~~R~~ S orchestra in Wagner — to climax his 12.5 bday.

Read letters, washed clothes, fixed dinner, called on Frys.

Home for Elyse Burgess + Ford Hunt. Bill + I cooked dinner, + after eating, the pair left for S.F. Bill in good

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a dear boy. I felt a little sad — as always — when he drove off — so I went down to the Filmarte & saw Storm in a Teacup. It was delightful; & Anna May Wong's unusual appearance with the Chinese picture was charming.

Then I went with Baldie's notes to check up on parking plans in Queen Anne. It seems two different boards designed parking at once, so Boeing's campaign scheme won't work.

1938 May 23 Monday

up at 8 after a bad night.

Council met with com. of Bus. Assn. at 10 a.m. at City Hall & after 2½ hrs. meaning talk & working out of tax situation in detail, was decided on Bissell plan — if the assn. agrees with its committee. If not, then we go ahead & abolish all disp. tax & not council meet.

Capt with Kelley a 2 cabins in letter $60,000 home — a magnificent beautiful place.

Then 2 hrs on Butterfield & Calvin drainage problem. Nearly sick again. Got Gordon Campbell & met at last Council tonight & stayed home to rest.

Close call!

Write a long letter to E

1938 May 25 Wednesday

Up early & spent most of the day on Camels & forest work and addr. & studio.

Mary & I both quit at 6, but by the time I got home I'd missed all the last of the Boston Symph concert.

We had a good dinner of hamburger & spinach, & spent a very pleasant evening by the hearth.

Stella had taken Mary to lunch at La Ribera & I also ate there later.

1938 May 26 Thursday

Seidenek didn't show up in the morning at Camelo, so we left Tom & Geo Wagner at 7 ato & the four of us got a lot of good work done on the garden strip between curb & sidewalk. It's 120 feet long & about 4 ft wide. Only part of the ivy had survived, & we put in a line of shrubs after digging up the earth thoroughly.

Ate lunch at Blue Bird to save time. Mary & I quit at 4 & then let Tommy let again he has medicine.

We ate an early supper of canned soup & sandwiches & dessert & then went to see Snow White. The dwarfs were repulsive to me, & the animals I'd seen in "Hiawatha".

1938 May 27 Friday

Worked all day on garden steps & 7a & got it nearly finished. It looks very pretty & is a vast improvement. Mary worked hard also, & Jon Wayne labored in spite of his observations. Saw a Sidewalk Cowboy at Carmels.

Mary met & Robles at noon, in Monterey.

Went to see Stage Door at the Filmarte. Not at all bad. Geraldine Fitzgerald was a perfect movie star, & she didn't have to act. Miss Bondetta exceedingly good.

Feel much better.

1938 May 28 Saturday

Getting well fast. Cough nearly gone & throat feeling almost normal.

Ordered steel casements for studio addition & got prices on stucco for outside 3 walls.

Business Men's Assoc. & must cost might agreed to compromise if we left the 3 foot garden strip as is!!!

Annual meeting of Music Soc. which I forgot about, followed by concert & movies by Allan Hancock's group. The music was ordinary, but some of the pictures were very interesting.

Cakes & coffee after. They always have too much, & so lots left over.

Had a good (& cheap) dinner at La Ribera.

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Listened to NBC concert at 5.

Wrote to E - Jessica.

Read card from Jess. Thayer in Rainier Park.

Read You Can't Take It With You — a delicious comedy. Chick McCarthy wants me to play Grandpa. I'd love to, but can't give a month's time to it. No no no.

1938 May 29 Sunday

Up at 8. Pleasant day

Regents 9 minus 4 yesterday.

Good breakfast + Radio City Concert -

all - Wagner.

Wrote a few verse poem about it for E.

Marian Anderson's gorgeous contralto in singing.

Handel's Water Music + Beethoven's 7th by Leopold Stokowski's orchestra.

Worked some in afternoon, but not very much.

No letter from E, tho I expected one.

Charlie McCarthy was very funny.

Ate a late dinner & read till 12.

Mailed my verses to E, walking to P.O. under clear stars.

1938 May 30 Monday

Memorial Day — and several persons gave ~~elaborations~~ of Lincoln's great address.

Foggy morning & clear noon.

No word from T n' T.

Worked at home all day.

Confab with Bechdolt re Ocean Ave & police.

Late supper & to 2nd show at Carmel Theatre: Drama Dublin in Mad About Music. She is very sweet & natural & acts & sings beautifully. Mrs Jory told me to come in free anytime!

Dick pleased with me & play in You Can't Take It With You. Alas.

1938 May 31 Tuesday

Wf early. Warm - devilly warm day.

Lots of work, but not a sign from E. ? ? ?

To city judges court expecting to see Jack's answer to his ticket, but Mrs McAdam there & fined 15/-.

Jack is home 3rd.

Stella says Jess is much deeper than E & is a little like F. She says F, E & Brother can't must have got a good chunk from the Lunds estate, as I said E didn't really work but just played at it; & Brother took a trip round the world, & F is paying for the England year as Harry has little!

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So that accounts for F's going last summer.

Informal meet of Council to discuss City-White-Colvin drainage. Decision is to do nothing, as City can't afford to & nobody can agree on what to do.

Looked at trees by bank, & I said I favored their removal, which was decided upon.

Shakespeare Co. in evening. Fairly good bunch of readers. Read 1st 1/2 Taming of Shrew. I didn't read.

Tom & I washed the big l. r. rug.

1938 June 1 Wednesday

Up at 6:15. Very warm day.

Worked at home till noon.

Mary came in with Jan, looking very well in her new rayon dress. Old Peter the cat has died, they say.

Gordon Campbell has been appointed U.S. Marshal at Shanghai. This means we'll have to choose a new Commissioner. Grady & his fiancee came up & the house, also Burdett, to discuss his successor. Dine for Thelma Miller & Hazel Watkins.

Started work cleaning & shellacking outdoor bookshelves, with Tom.

John Jordan would love to take Gordon's place, Dine says.

June 1 42

Ate lunch at Blue Bird. Veal pistachio ice cream — tasted like soap. Ate eggs & toast & coffee & part of a bread pudding & made tonight for supper — and my throat goes on the rocks again.

Letter at last from E. Everything seems to be all right, tho the fervor seems a little forced. Or do I just imagine it is?

China planes wreck 12 Jap planes, & reports come that Russia has signed a pact & help China with planes & experts.

1938 June 7 Tuesday

Painting all day in shop. What a messy job – but how good again to the slow hand process!

Final reading of Tamiris' Phaedra at La Ribera. Good crowd for a change.

Informal meet of Council at Miss Kellogg's to prepare for meet tomorrow night.

Dinner at Community Church + talk by Library Clerk on Hawaii + the Japs.

1938 June 8 Wednesday

Up at 7 & fast in a long day.
Fog as usual.
Said a Tan - & finished most of the back part of shop painting.
& feel as if white paint in my pallet 1/2 way down.
Said to dinner.
Council meet at 7:45 (till 11:45!)
Back stood again to allow disgusted barking & curb to ease the situation, but at the meet he held out against it, finally voting for & against his judgment. He was trembling when the damn thing was over. Smith was firm, but Kelley & Campbell were willing to have 12 & 10 foot garden strip.

June 8 & 12

We passed the master ordinance which immediately becomes effective (emergency clause) & several resolutions applying thereto. Also put tax office separated from police. Mrs. Miller supplied us finely. I didn't get very tired as I was feeling well & rather enjoyed our success (if it is! They may step us by injunction!) Parking limits established as I wanted them. Also $100 & got for Book Festival. It's a nice & good council.

~~Out afternoon~~ with Marian Shand & Dee Hazeltine's for reading of Mary Bulkley's sketch on Susan B. Anthony. It was well received. Good picnic lunch on lawn of the lovely estate.

1938 June 9 Thursday

Up early & worked hard all day, chiefly getting shop cleaned up after painting & putting tools back on shelves. Jamie worked with me all day. Ate lunch at Normandy — & we ate too much.

Said was to paint outside shelves but didn't.

Stud casements arrived for studio. Many came in ~~after lunch~~ rather late in afternoon, and I quit work at 6 & came home, finding her waiting.

We had a light supper at 7:30, i.e. a pint of egg-nog, & lay by the hearth & listened to Standard Hour. And got to bed fairly early.

1938 June 10 Friday

Up at 7:30 after a short but fairly good sleep. Still foggy.

To shop early to get the mess cleaned up & get settled & work finishing the painting.

Jane helped me get books back on shelves.

Borrowed $1000 from bank, on note secured by Carmelo trust deed. D'd get the original 6000 down to $900+ & now it's 1900+. But it's 7% instead of 9+% as F.H.A. loans work out, & this can be paid back $20 a month each month. Anyhow I had to have it to finish Carmelo, pay insurance & addition to the motor & studio.

June 10 & 12

Mary ret. to Robles in afternoon. I gave her a check for $35 for her, which with the 50 I recently gave her makes $85, which = full interest on her note. I told Mary to tell her $2 gave her $85 each month hereafter

Pare Lorentz opened the fight (for the beautification of Carmel) in its editorial boyos. Pipping things only filled the space. Oh Percy! O mores! How are the mighty fallen!

Had a short conflab with Eric & Linebaugh & a cop, & showed them 24 feet more than sufficient, leaving 14 feet for garden steps. Eric agreed,

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& will tell rest of Merchants' committee.
& phoned Campbell, Hutt & Kelly,
who all agreed to 14 for garden:
Monday (unless they twist me again)
the stones come out & the agreed width.

Said to dinner, & then we went to
the fashion show at Mannin Road.
Mrs Miller (never looked better)
regretted Pearl's carelessness — and
added Perry could not be relieved of
some responsibility. She said he was
embarrassed about most things he
hadn't started himself, & was firm
in the last chiefly on issues where
nothing was involved.

I'll get her on the Council in
Gordon's place if I can.

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Silly letter in rhyme from E.
with better rhymes from Jess. Air
mail from Prince Rupert, postmarked
10 a.m. June 6. Four days! Or
3½, as it doubtless was in the box
last night.

1938 June 11 Saturday

Up early. Still fog.

Tom & Clarence turned & cleared out trees. The amount of dead wood is enormous.

Seidenek painted outside bookshelves. & finished straightening out inside shelf.

Lunched at LaRiva — a most excellent meal.

Paid 1/3 7a Bldg insurance & some other bills, not to mention George & Tom & Clarence.

Perry Parker sent Phil Wilson up & ask for filling station or P.H. & Dolores. & got a little mad. And Colden Whitman bothered me a lot & annoyed me greatly by suggesting delay in starting Ocean Ave changes — almost as ☆ he were the enemy!

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Tennant paid his rent.

Mrs. Fowler had an auction of her Pebble Beach house furnishings. I guess Ogden will go under.

Wrote a long letter to E, & the usual & sent tomorrow.

WBC symphony at 5.

Washed dishes & clothes & did some desk work.

Feel well but a little nervous.

1938 June 12 Sunday,

up at 7:15. Foggy as usual. This is the 2nd almost unbroken week of it.

George Wagner being on another drunk, I ate most of peek eggs.

Dick sent a carpenter over, but Williams failed to bring lumber for door frame so little accomplished.

Williams promised to come & finish up himself but didn't. So unless he comes at 7 am tomorrow we won't be ready for the Eastern.

Mary phoned about 12:30 to say she was very busy & wouldn't be in next week except to ~~shop~~ market.

So I wrote a little poem to Esther & ~~copied~~ the letter I wrote last night & some verses for Jessica & mailed

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there to Seattle.

Music today included Mozart's Quintet for clarinet & strings, Schubert's Symp. #8 in B, Brahms' 1st, & Purcell's Dido & Aeneas in toto. I'd only heard fragments of this before. It's lovely.

Worked on roof, nailing tin on patch holes. And trimmed trees.

Drank some good milk for lunch, with toasted sandwiches.

Japan is certainly raising hell in Canton. Why don't the Democracies combine? God almighty.

My health is very good now.

1938 June 13 Monday

Up at 7. Fog.

Williams came at 8 & put to work, but didn't have the casements ready when Overholser came at 9, so the plasterers didn't start till after lunch.

City crew began tearing out roots on narrow garden strip. Groff said would be stopped by injunction.

With Kellogg to see Capt Robison, at 2:30. He said money had been raised for legal action. But tonight (so far) none has come my way.

With Kellogg & Askew on whole route of water through White & Colvin properties. Decided finally to do nothing.

Fresh strawberries for lunch, & a good quiet dinner alone.

June 13 & 2

Feel quite well for a change.

Attended meet of board of directors of Carmel Players at 4.

Charles Bickley cynically gracious re our new alterations. He spoke of depreciating lease values.

Realized that Thelma Miller was necessary to our program continuance, & called on her to see if she'd serve - & related. She will.

Read 3 acts of Cymbeline (first time in about 25 years!) Except for a few bright moments, its very involved & rather dull.

1938 June 14 Tuesday

Ed Ewig, By Ford, Gudmundsen, LaFranz, Bonham & Barney Legal. united to bring Supreme Court for injunction, & got one. Dwas served this morning, as were the other members of the council. Ashem also, & he of course stopped work. We go to court Monday the 20th.

Already people are leaving Ewig & trading elsewhere.

And its a clear bright sunny day - first in about 2 weeks.

met with City Engineer, etc & found solution of Colvin drainage problem.

Ate a hearty dinner at LaRibera & then conducted 1st Cymbaline reading. Good crowd.

The Yellow River floods Chinese and Japs.

1938 June 15 Wednesday

Foggy day till late afternoon.

Beebe left us & we received injunction, & later Billy Hudson, just back from N.Y. & his sister's wedding & Vanderbilt.

Opening of new Council Guild (like our deceased Copt Exchange).

Card from Ezra from Caracas (Brit Col.?)

Catherine & George to Canada with me to select clasp for bedroom.

Tom & Arnold "worked" there all day.

Boston Pops concert 5:30 & 6:30.

City Council meet at 7:45. All the opponents present but none spoke.

Gordon Campbell resigned, as he leaves

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for China on Saturday. I made a brief, rather emotional speech & Gunby replied very sweetly. He is surely a fine example of American young manhood.

After some discussion in Com. of the whole we left choice of asso. counsel to the city attorney, who will get Jerry Harrington.

Fine but cold moonlight night.

Overlooked finished first coat of stucco on "thermatite" addition

1938 June 16 Thursday

Up at 7:15. Fog.

Corted nice for breakfast for a change.

Hugh Gibson leaves from his ambassadorship in Belgium.

George is not tending to his job at Cannels, with the result that the 2 assistants accomplish little — & get paid just the same.

Charlie Van Riper, who has been writing & circulating letters in our favor, came up today to see if we couldn't have a talk with the complainants — maybe agree on a settlement out of court. I guess the Knights are sorry they started this. I said we'd meet if they put any agreement we might come to in writing.

June 16 & 2

Washed clothes, did some office work, looked after some tenant troubles, went 3 times to Caruso, fixed outside shutters at shop.

Frank at La Ribera.

Buchanan 1st by Travato Lynch at 5:30

Standard bar under Mundo in evening.

Warm afternoon & night.

Congress adjourns after passing the weakened wages & hours bill.

1938 June 17 Friday

Up early & worked hard all day & got too tired & my small meals didn't digest well.

Mary Howard should be in Monday.

Pine Cone still straddles the fence. Cynthal devotes many columns to the fight — some of it brilliant.

Called informal meet of Council at 4 & dinner with the officers (Roy Ford et al) a possible compromise — but none was forthcoming, so after 1½ hrs of argument we broke up.

Invited by Lyons, I went to see "Jezebel", very finely played by Bette Davis & a good cast. She is undoubtedly the best actress on the screen today.

1938 June 18 Saturday

up at 6:45, on a fine sunny day. Washed clothes, cleaned shoes, etc till 11, then down for mail.

Letter from E from Seattle, giving her next address at Rainier Park. Hints as if they weren't coming back this way. Well, I don't understand any of it anyway. And I never did, even when I thought I did.

Lunch at La Ribera, waited on by a girl majoring in music at Cal. She brought me cream with my soup without being asked.

City Hall to give deposition for court battle, then [illegible] to check up on Gene's painting. Colors very good. Back to City Hall till 5, then home.

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Work through except till 6:15.

Re-read E's letter, to try to understand it — but it's the strangest mixture of devotion & indifference that I've yet had to fathom.

Walked down for evening paper, and it sure is a fine day.

Ate a very simple dinner of eggs & apple tart, re-read E's letter & still just as mystified, & to bed at 10:30

1938 June 19 Sunday

up at 7 on a cool foggy morning.

Beethoven Concerto # 4 – by Lee Pattison & Bamberger Symph. orch.

Mozart's "Hunt" by Radio Symph Hour – by Stradivarius Q.

Father's Day card (#744) from Happy Trotter – from Seattle, same time as letter I guess – which makes it still eager

the German swine are driving the Jews again.

I sorted my corn off, & loaned a sickle to my neighbor.

Saint-Saens 3rd Symph – sonorous, new to me.

Wrote a long letter to E.

Went to 2nd showing of Robin Hood – guest of the management. Sat next to Gene, who gurgled & chuckled & coughed.

1938 June 20 Monday

Mary Howard should be late coming in, as she had to take Helen Wayne to Monterey.

She came in at 11. We went to Carmel to check up on work, & then to lunch at La Ribera.

Injunction suit to trial at 10 am. Learned later Judge Jamison vacated the injunction. Should notice misprint about Pastor on our attorney's part, which exactly opposite was true.

Mary & I had fish salmon for supper & spent a pleasant evening together.

Card from Jessica.

~~Overhaul~~ Put final coat of stucco on studio addition. Just fine.

1938 June 21 Tuesday

Worked with Mary & George & Tom & Arnold at Cannels.

Lunch with Mary at Normandy; & ate too much as always there.

Light supper at 7 & then to Shakespeare group reading, where we finished Cymbeline. Excellent event, with some good readers.

Then to rehearsal of ~~The Rehearsal~~ Hate Ye Not, where I'd left Mary.

Home again, & another celebration.

Perry called up to urge further compromise with merchants.

1938 June 22 Wednesday

Mary att. to Robles in a.m.

Special Council meet at 4, following conf. in clerk's office at which we decided to make garden 12 ft.

I made a long, serious, forceful speech — omitting all humor — & told them straight from the shoulder just how everything came about. There was little applause: the thing was too tense & my tones were full of acid.

But everybody (except Loyal & Tafray) is happy.

Joe Luis felled Schmeling in first round. I missed the whole broadcast of clerk planning re advance.

1938 June 23 Thursday

Sunny morning, then fog.
Miller busy lay down in studio.
George doing yard work at Carmelo.
Business very good in Griffin shop.
Met with Kellogg & Osborn re rock walls.
Big Sur very cordial. Appeal has been withdrawn. Herald notes as usual non committal.
Zoning Ordinance passed yesterday not legal, so publication stopped by me.
Worked on parking limit signs.
Lunch at La Ribera, waited on by Joan, daughter of Joe the butcher — sweet young music student.
Green beans & figs for supper.
Toasted Syrup & Standard Syrup.
Health excellent.

1938 June 24 Friday

up early on the usual foggy morn.

Pine Cone & Cymbal both cover their front pages with the Ocean Ave. Settlement.

Had some words with that — Howard over the parkway.

Arranged with Kellogg for sloping irregular wall on south side of parkway.

Discussed traffic signs with Bechdolt.

George got a blank postal from E, Jack ditto. And 8 —

I got 3 letters: one from Jessica, very brief, in rhyme; one from E, several pages, to show the others, & stating she & Jess were not coming back to Carmel, but going to Ny. (just as I foretold!) and from N.Y.

June 24 & 2

on Oct 1 to England to visit F for a month & then around the world for a year! Said they had just time to get back to Ny & get aft. packed & ready to go by Oct 1st. 3 months needed?! I felt they weren't coming back here — but the world trip was a shock. My 3rd letter was for me alone from E, very sweet & pathetic, esp re chamber music season this coming winter. Some of the explanations seemed fishy, & the plea of selfishness unnecessary. She has a perfect right to go if she prefers that. Anyhow it's hardly my affair, tho I've lost thereby a great deal of happy companionship.

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Going down Dolores St. I caught a whiff of F's perfume. This finished me completely.

Christ what a 4 years these have been. I've never been so happy & never so unhappy.

1938 June 25 Saturday

Slept unhappily, & awoke at 6:30 & arose. Cool foggy morning — also all day.

Wrote to Hatty, with 3 stanzas on his state of being, & mailed it a Book circular to E at Rainier.

Albert put the glass in the steel casements. Arranged with Williams for floor Monday.

Took Louise & Lenard at La Ribera.

Sorted over a library of used books for Miss Griffin.

Talked with Mrs Rendtorff re library addition. Seems good plan.

2 string quartets & & 8:30 a.m., & 2 symphonies Bb 6! And nothing else all day.

June 25 / 2

NBC Symph included MND overture which made one still unhappier.

When I shared Jack St. Peter & remarked that ~~they~~ one never knew what ~~they~~ ~~were~~ going to do next – that ~~they~~ she was very impulsive & made sudden decisions, he said.

"Very simieltaneous." and then he added, to clinch the matter:

"Very simieltaneous."

Mozart's Jupiter Symph on NBC concert very well done.

Trip for supper, then to Lyon Room to see 3 one-act plays.

1938 June 26 Sunday

up at 7 on a misty fog-morning.
The Pope blessed the Canadian Eucharistic
Congress and all the world is at peace,
except ——— .

8:30 Coolidge Stamp A in Schubert & Beethoven.

10:00 Mozarts F major A not badly played.

11:00 Brahms 3rd Symph.

I am exceedingly unhappy.

Went for the mail & to arrange with Kit
Whitman for a place for her easels.

Fresh figs for lunch — and the M.N.D.
overture again — and I am very unhappy.

Answered E's letter. This is the 26th,
the day she was to be back in Canada!

1938 June 27 Monday

Up at 7:15

Listened to Swedish celebration in Delaware, 300th anniversary. Prince Bertil & Pres. Roosevelt spoke.

Sara Miller came at 8 & laid floor in add to studio, with Tom & me helping. Worked till 2: then ate lunch.

Many (& Lu) came in to shop.

We chartered up on Camelo.

Many camels Friday visit & will know when she'll be in — sometime after the 4th.

Helfeld Griffin called from Don Anderson (Comici, Dutton, M.L., S & S etc.)

Home at 6 & cooked liver & new potatoes (grown on the estate!) for dinner.

I feel very sad.

Roth, Kolisch & Pro Arte Quartets play in Stanford S.F. & Berkeley in coming weeks. I must go to some of these.

1938 June 28 Tuesday

Wind & fog in morning
Stronger wind & sunshine in afternoon
Worked at Carmelo & ordered brick for entrance.

Took train & bus to Santa Barbara at 4 at Carmelita Monastery. Lovely building.

Dan lunch at La Ribera.

Worked with Griffin on shop business & got $60 refund on parts I'd made in transferring boats in transit.

Finished reading Twain's Tahoe book. Didn't read. Charming note of Gibson of the Colorado expedition.

1938 June 29 Wednesday

up at 7:30 after a good sleep. overcast. It's getting mountainous. Got brick entrance started at Casado. Floors are gradually appearing from the mess.

Many phoned at 7 to say shd be in Tuesday the 5th!

Informal confab at Kellogg's with other members of city council & park commission. After some debate I got what I was after: (1) sloping single wall of flat yellowish-gray granite on south side Ocean Ave garden strip; (2) Camel mode parking-limit signs. Also getting action on Fred Shaw.

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after park com. went home & the council talked over persons to fill vacancy. I lost out on Thelma Miller. choice was Sh, however: Hazel Watson, with Frank Floyd as possible 2nd choice. We discussed matters till 12.

1938 June 30 Thursday

Up at 7:45 on the standard foggy morning. Toast + coffee + then to Carmels to check on workmen. Then to Tabley + watered thoroughly.

Found Treat came + gave me a carpet on Cathie + Newberry. Wow what carats! (as I have always suspected).

Rock wall being made on Ocean Vey good.

Edward stood trips from MacAlister To Carmels several times.

Hearty late lunch at Normandy.

Mr. Tommy very good.

Albert Spalding played most excellently on Toronto Symph program: Solo Symph Espagnole.

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Program of John Gielgud in Hamlet
— London — from (Guess!) —
from Frances, with Leon Quartermaine's
name marked "He is so very much
like you." This came in morning,
& in afternoon a long letter from
Hoppy Truthill (from Longmire).

Gardening at Court in twilight.

Standard Argument.

Bill phoned he'd be down tomorrow
night with Adele.

1938 July 1 Friday

Fog - fog - fog.

Very busy all day, ending with house cleaning.

Bill & Celia arrived about 7 and we all had dinner.

I was going to the play but decided to go tomorrow instead & take the kids.

1938 July 2 Saturday

U.S.S. Ranger in port at 9:30 & I went out in officers launch & pay respects to Vice-admiral King & Capt. McCain, both shaving platoons. The other officers were very nice too

Major McNamara visited us all & dined at Del Monte, so I got tickets for the play for Bill Adair & I went to the dinner. Got well acquainted with Capt McCain who sat next me at dinner. Very fine meal, after which we went to Canary Cottage (my first visit there!)

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The Captain lost about $100 &
the Admiral lost $5 & quit.
I kept my 50 cents.

Home at 1:15.

Foggy day, beginning with slight
rain last night & this morning —
must rain around the 4th.

Busy writing from Ex Jess.

1938 July 3 Sunday

Pretty pleasant day.
Took Sally & Bubbles & Bill & Celia & the airplane camera (first week ever been on). Official tea-dance.

Home at 7, ate a bit supper & then to see You Can't Take It With You, at Lunt. Excellent play well staged & acted — but I'm so glad I didn't accept the part of Grandpa. Williams did it very well indeed — a la Will Rogers, & that's not my type.

1938 July 4 Monday

Sunshine 1/2 day then fog.
Officers of Ranger returned an
official visit.
Toured our Monterey City Hall.
Fine building, well arranged.
Drove in the Admiral's car & the
reviewing stand & watched the Parade,
then back with him to city hall.
Said goodbye & him & Capt. McCain
& his young aide, Lieut. ——.
Home again.
Fog.
Bill & Celia back from beach
for lunch. Fresh figs, tomatoes
& milk.
In the evening we all went down

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to the beach to watch the fireworks. Jim my Hopper & Ellis & Jim also there and many many hundreds from one end of beach to the other.

At 9 I left the crowd & went to see Marco Polo. Some good simple acting & costumes; but the scenery too lousy for words.

Bed at 11:30

1938 July 5 Tuesday

a long day: 23 hours!

Up at 4:15 & got breakfast for Bill & Celia, who drove away about 5:15

Worked till 10, when Mary came in from Robles.

We spent some time at Camelo planning walks, walks, etc.

Lunched at Blue Bird.

Dined at home, then to LaPiñera for final of tennis tour. I read "The Rehearsal" & fell at evening.

Home & an exceptionally good celebration.

Bed at 1:15.

1938 July 6 Wednesday

Most of day at Camelo with many owners work.

Lunch at Dairy.

Many rets. to Robles in afternoon.

Council meet at 7:45 (till 11:15):

Board insurance gang cut rates to below independents! But start competition!

Judge Ross tries suit for Parties against city. We decided to fire him on such ethics.

Sadie read "a typical clerks sun" instead of "typographical"!

Quiet meet except for Ross flare up by Bechdolt.

Fog as usual

1938 July 7 Thursday

Neither day nor alarms woke me till 9:15!

Fog all day

Canned & city affairs.

4 page letter from E from Seattle. Jess' mother sick & they're going east at once instead of via Calvary.

Our afternoon mail another letter from E on same lines.

Washed clothes & dishes & ~~ate~~ listened to Beethoven's 7th from Toronto.

Ate a late dinner while listening to Standard Symph broadcast which included Canada by Sargent for Fretful Porpentine & orchestra.

Bed block nearly done & lost to fire. Made up Griffin's sales tax report.

1938 July 8 Friday

Fog continues
Channels much of the day.
Gravel on roadway & brick wall slowly
under way.
Second coat has no effect on shingles!
First trips for lunch
At 8 to Hillers' to hear reading of
"Susan & God." Bright but superficial.
Eloise looked very pretty & posed
without a break.
Vera Hillis told how embarrassed she
was when I kissed her the first time -
in Denny Watsons theater.

1938 July 9 Saturday

Fog lifted in morning & day was bright & warm.

Worked at Carmelo.

Also on city affairs.

Coffee cake & milk for lunch. I'm so fond of milk and it is so little fond of me.

Robin Hood Dell broadcast at 4:40.

Tried an experiment with whites of egg.

Scrubbed the shower

Washed clothes

Cooked a nice custard pudding.

Death of Justice Cardozo dramatically announced at close of a Jewish service.

Mary showed at 7.

Read II-1 King Lear.

Mailed a marked Cymbal (of July 8) to [redacted] in Nice.

1938 July 10 Sunday

First all-sunny day in about 2 months. Took advantage of this to air clothes & bedding. Inez. the guest wool blanket & sent me.

Washed clothes.

Coolidge & played Brahms first quartet in a minor.

Gershwin Memorial concert ended with Rhapsody in Blue superbly played.

Afternoon I went to orchestra rehearsal of Bach Festival, Gastone Usigli conducting.

Charles McCarthy was very funny with Bud Rathbone in a "burlesque" gangster skit.

Symphony concert: Beethoven's 2nd by Pitt Phil under Mackinn Marrow.

Cincinnati Summer Opera broadcast last 1/2 of Traviata. James Melton and

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sang Armand exceedingly well. I've been bored with him so often in his popular programs that I could hardly believe it was the same voice. Rosa Trentini was a nice Violetta.

After dinner I went to choral rehearsal of Festival, but the air in the school room was bad & weighty very fussy so I left & went & saw Kidnapped at Casino Theater. Poor R. L. S.!

Phoned to Mary to see if she wished to hear any of the rehearsals lectures and organ concerts. She's staying with Maude Hoyle's mother whose Maude is in Oakland.

1938 July 11 Monday

Early fog soon gone & another fine warm day.

Commentator on events said only a little more a year ago no change seemed possible in Supreme Court except by increasing it, & now 3 vacancies have occurred. But 2 of the 3 have been liberals, so in only one case has improvement been possible.

Vie de Sade: a delightful skit on a relative's letter.

Camelot work nearing completion. Finish first act tomorrow forenoon. Mailed a long letter to J.

Conrad comfort re city's insurance.

1938 July 12 Tuesday

Up early. Some sunshine in middle of day.

Spent most time at Carmelo.. Looked at trees with Kelly & Smith.

Meeting of Carmel Players board of directors at 4. Chas McCarthy in terrible emotional war against Townsend. Board calmly ignored. Suggested budget in 2 sections — one for production; one for fixed charges.

Miller Shumway came earlier to tell of Townsend's grasping power over Fritz working for him (at La Ribera) 12 years. Uhlman = Iron, Fitzpatrick = Knight, Hunt = Fool.

1938 July 13 Wednesday

at ~~A~~ 7 on a foggy day.

Hopkins would take vacancy but leaving for 2 months. ~~Henry~~ refuses ~~of~~ school board; so Hazel gets ~~A~~. Pharel ~~Smith~~ Kellogg for ok & at 2:30 pm Hazel & she accepted.

Sheet must turn at Camelo

Mary Pharel shd be in tomorrow.

Adjourned reg. Council meet at 7:45.

Avoided City nominees; settled sidewalk & garden stuff for Lincoln & passed some resolutions re looking grass, dumpiness & budget system.

Appointed Hazel Waters, Supt be in, & made her com. of health

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Spoke softly, after transf. Smith to fire & water.

Bassett didn't thereby please, which surprises me.

Bed at 11, a little tired.

Dick McCarthy has resigned pro direction of Players

1938 July 14 Thursday

up at 7:45 — a the usual foggy day.

To Cannels up to breakfast.

Wall nearly done & looks fine.

Learned from Louise that in spite of output Back election of Cyclical Dem gave program to P Conc!!

Learned later from Louise that Dem voted for Rentaro (absent basis)

Thelma says membership must have say in McCarthy-Townsend trouble. She's right.

Letter from E from Chicago dated Sunday (10th) & in same mail a note & two snapshots postmarked about 12 hrs. later.

Bought a small trap steak & spinach

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for dinner.

Mary came in at 5 & we ate early so to go to Bach rehearsal. This was dull, as Dave was conducting & fill in, so I went to see Castaway & Edwards. This also punk.

Home at 11 and had a fine celebration.

Howard Hughes has made a most interesting trip — but just what "around the world mean?

Mary brought me a sign for the driveway.

Opal's birthday & the fall of the Bastille